

House Resolution No. 461

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to note the mobilization of the 445th Medical Company from the 325th Field Hospital located at the Independence, Missouri, Army Reserve Center which is named after Medal of Honor recipient and Independence resident Sergeant Charles R. Long; and

Whereas, orders for the 445th Medical Company were issued by the Department of the Army for mobilization to active duty on February 24, 2003; and

Whereas, with a specialty in veterinary support of theater military operations, the 445th Medical Company will diligently work to ensure the best health conditions for joint military in their assigned sector of operations through controlling disease vectored by stray animals, inspecting food and water sources and rations, and providing direct veterinary medical support to NATO military working dogs; and

Whereas, deployed members of the 445th Medical Company support the United Nations Mission and any recognized non-governmental organization, international organization, or non-profit organization initiatives to establish stable health care for civilian casualties while assigned to a Combat Support Hospital; and

Whereas, the 445th Medical Company members will travel to the Mobilization Station at Fort Riley, Kansas, on February 28, 2003, where they will receive specialized instruction and processing before engaging in support of Operation Noble Eagle, an invaluable component of Enduring Freedom and the fight against terrorism wherever it may be found; and

Whereas, justifiably proud of its special relationship with the hometown of Harry S Truman, former military Colonel and President of the United States, the 445th Medical Company will continue to bring honor and glory to the State of Missouri and the 325th Field Hospital, 139th Medical Group, 89th Regional Support Command, while overseas as "citizen soldiers":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the officers and soldiers of the 445th Medical Company; to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their patriotism, skills, and valor; and to express our sincerest best wishes as they mobilize for active duty assignments connected with the Noble Eagle operations of Enduring Freedom; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of mobilizing members of the 445th Medical Company from the 325th Field Hospital, United States Army Reserve Center, in Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 461, adopted February 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker